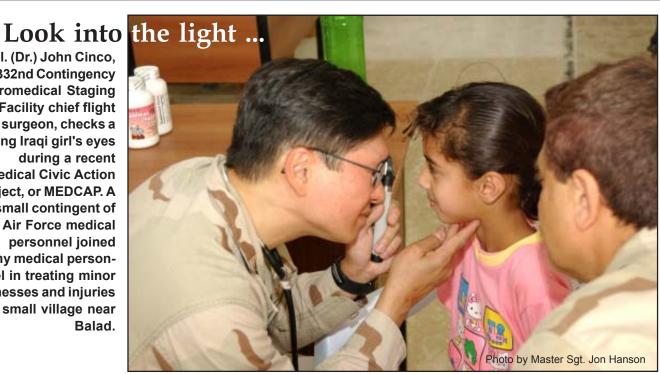
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Col. (Dr.) John Cinco, 332nd Contingency **Aeromedical Staging** Facility chief flight surgeon, checks a young Iraqi girl's eyes during a recent **Medical Civic Action** Project, or MEDCAP. A small contingent of Air Force medical personnel joined Army medical personnel in treating minor illnesses and injuries at a small village near Balad.



332nd MDG provides medical care for local villagers

By Airman 1st Class J.S. Groves 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 332nd Medical Group provided medical care and supplies to local nationals in a nearby village May 12 as part of the ongoing Medical Civic Action Project, also known as MEDCAP, sponsored by Balad Air Base and Logistics Support Area Anaconda.

More than 40 Army and Air Force personnel were on hand to help provide security for the mission and medical attention to village residents.

The convoy arrived at the village early in the day and set up a makeshift clinic in one of the rooms of the village's common areas. Locals were lined up outside where medics then brought them into a waiting area and directed them to appropriate care providers, which included doctors, optometrists,

dentists, physical therapists and physician assistants.

"This is the second MEDCAP we have done for AEF 7/8 and it seemed to go very smoothly," said Col. (Dr.) John Cinco, 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility flight surgeon. "We had twice as many interpreters than what we had before and it helped with our assessment of what care was needed for the patients. It started out slow at first, but we quickly set up a system and got the flow moving."

"It was a good feeling to be able to do something for the local Iragis. You can see how much the people appreciate even what little things we can do for them," said Staff Sgt. Jessica Nuyt, independent duty medical technician. "Things such as skin problems and ear infections are symptoms most of us know how to treat and have access to the proper medications. Most of the people we see haven't been educated.

Commander's Corner

You represent the military

By Brig. Gen. F.C. Williams 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander

Our Armed Forces is currently suffering from a major blow to an image that stands for truth and equality, apparently by the hands of those within in our



very structure. The events surrounding the alleged abuse of Iraqis at the Abu Gharaib prison have made it more important than ever for those of us in the Air Force to adapt to the circumstances and threats we face. I can tell everyone with confidence and pride that we are blessed here at the 332nd with a terrific team, and terrific leadership top-down within the Air Force to get the job done.

The unfortunate situation we are now being made aware of is unrepresentative of the American ideals we all took an oath to defend. These acts do not represent the military that you and I joined. They undermine our efforts here to defend each person's right to be free, and to build a new Iraq. I have the greatest confidence in our system and in its ability to get to the bottom of these allegations.

Like others before us, we in the United States have suffered foreign aggression and brutal attacks that have forever changed our perspective on the value of freedom. As we continue our fight here in Iraq in the war on terrorism, we should consider this perspective. It reminds us that there is no greater motivator, no force for change more compelling, no condition more worthy than freedom.

I hope you feel a sense of privilege to be part of an institution that prides itself on its high standards, honored standards, that separate us from the rest of the world. Because of the importance we place on our core values, the thread that weaves us together as an elite group, the American people and the world expect us to adhere to the rules that we ourselves have affirmed. This includes how we treat and expect to be treated by others ... our friends and our enemies.

Simply because we are in a deployed environment, away from the comforts of home and our normal daily lives, our values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do are not thrown out the window. On the contrary, our core values are needed more in a deployed environment, where the stresses of our fight against terrorism weigh heavily upon our shoulders. It is during these times that our values serve as a reminder of who we are and what we've dedicated ourselves to: freedom and the pursuit of happiness for all, worldwide.

Acts such as those alleged at Abu Gharaib undermine what our forefathers fought to establish and what we fight to preserve -- freedom. The allegations also cause us to lose public trust and more importantly, they jeopardize the lives of our fellow service members.

I encourage you to understand the calling which you've answered, and the enormous responsibility that comes with it. Your tireless commitment, ability and professionalism are the foundation for integrating our Air Force excellence into a successful operation here in Balad. As Airmen you should expect to be held to a higher standard, one appropriate for service to country. These recent allegations, despicable as they are, should not undermine your confidence or your commitment.

Continue to approach your mission here at Balad with the same pride and drive you have displayed thus far. This country, the United States Air Force, and you will be better for it.

Getting ready to go -We must keep on course until we are on the plane home

By Maj. Sue Harris

332nd Expeditionary Logistics Squadron Commander

Redeployment: the sound is so sweet! It means going home. Was it really just two months ago that AEF 7/8 began arriving here at Balad? The time has literally flown by.

We've accomplished a lot in a short amount of time, and still have a lot to finish before we turn the keys over to AEF 9/10. "Take it to the next level"

has been our guiding motto as we watched trailers rapidly spring up in the new housing area, readied HASs for new flying missions, extended vital communications and power lines to a large area of our base, opened new supply warehouses, established even greater rapport and interoperability with our Army neighbors and brethren, and made T-town a better and safer place to live. But there is still a lot to do and accomplish on AEF 7/8's watch: beddown and receive the

new flying missions, relocate some unit duty sections from temporary facilities to hardened buildings, ensure daily operations are smoothly transferred to AEF 9/10, continue sandbagging critical facilities, and lastly, redeploy to home station.

Redeployment ... going home! But wait; remember when you deployed from home station? You probably had a checklist from your PRU and spent some

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time running around base getting signatures, or spent a few hours processing through a deployment line. Well, the same is true about redeployment. There are some steps and checklists to follow before you can redeploy. We're all anxious to get home to our families and friends, and the temptation is there to shortcut the system, but don't. If you skip a step, potential exists to lose accountability of critical equipment or even yourself! Redeployment processing is simple and painless, if you follow the steps your Unit Travel Representative (UTR) provides you.

The personnel in the 332nd ELRS Readiness Flight work closely with every UTR and various functions within the wing to make your redeployment as painless as possible. They will develop and provide to your UTR a "Schedule of Events" that details the process to get you home.

Once your commander signs your release letter, your UTR will work with the Traffic Management Flight's Passenger Travel Section to arrange airlift for your journey back home on a rotator out of either Al Udeid Air Base or Kuwait City. They'll also arrange for C-130 transport to get you from Balad to the rotator. Every effort will be made to get you a flight out of Balad within 48 hours after the date your commander stated you can be released.

Your UTR will also provide you with a checklist. It's your responsibility to complete these actions and get the required signatures. To assist you in completing some of the items on your checklist, shortly before you depart Balad your UTR will schedule you for a redeployment briefing. It's quick, simple and painless unlike the hours-upon-hours of briefings you may have sat through when you processed at home station. Attendance is mandatory and some very important information will be given to you from Medical, Finance, Log Plans and PERSCO.

ome items on your checklist will have to be completed at unit level. Some of these items include LOEs, decorations, transfer of accountability for vehicles, LMRs, ADPE and other additional duties you may have been assigned. Be sure to jointly conduct an inventory of any vehicular, equipment, or ADPE assets and bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Vehicle Management in the double HAS, Supply Flight in HAS 26 or the Communications Squadron in Bldg. 4014. If you fail to do this, and an asset turns up missing after you depart, you may be held responsible and ordered to compensate Uncle Sam the entire value of the missing asset. On the day you depart, you'll check out at

lodging. Your UTR will have given you a "show time." This is when you show up at a specified location in T-town with your bags packed and ready to go. You'll board a bus provided by the Vehicle Operations Flight to take you out to HAS 26 where the experts from the Supply Flight will assist you with turning in your body armor (if it was issued to you while you were in theater) and help you to draw your mobility weapon from the armory. Afterward, professionals from the Aerial Port Flight will assist you with palletizing your baggage and weapons. Once that's completed it's on to the Passenger Terminal to await your C-130 ride. While you're waiting, the Aerial Port experts will load your baggage onto the aircraft. Their co-workers in the Personnel Processing Center will guide you to the aircraft when it's time to board.

Professional Aerial Port and Traffic Management specialists will be at every stop along your journey home to assist you with any travel difficulties that may crop up.

f you have any questions during your redeployment processing, contact your UTR as soon as possible. They are "plugged in" to the professionals in 332nd ELRS, 332nd EMEDS, 332nd ESVS, and PERSCO that will coordinate and oversee your redeployment.

The journey isn't over when you arrive at your home station. You still need to inprocess. Call your supervisor and PRU as soon as possible to let them know you arrived home safely. Your PRU will most likely give you another checklist ... this one is short. Remember those bulky mobility bags and the weapon you were issued when you deployed? Be sure to turn those in to Supply; the items in your mobility bags will be used by someone else deploying in the future. If you get home at night or on the weekend, stop by the Security Forces on your base and request courtesy storage of your weapon until the next duty day when your Supply armory is open. Be ready for a quick trip to the medical clinic to fill out a few forms, follow-up on any illnesses or injuries you may have had while you were deployed, run a few lab tests that may be required, and start your post-deployment malaria pills. You'll also want to visit your Finance Office or Travel Pay Section to file your travel voucher. Most importantly, take time to relax!

But, until it's your turn to redeploy, you need to stay focused on the mission. Don't let "shortitis" get you. That's when the ball gets dropped and mistakes or accidents can happen. Don't let your guard down and don't cut corners and or push it off on AEF 9/10. It's still our job and our responsibility. There's lots of time left to make a difference and 'Take it to the Next Level.'

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Prevention is key. As we continue to go into the communities and teach them about healthy meals and hygiene education, we will be able to see a considerable difference in the future."

During the three-hour long medical mission, Army Spc. Christopher Welder, 29th Signal Battalion, C-Company, was one of the volunteers who provided security.

"I like coming on these types of missions because I get to be where we are helping the local people and see what is going on. I am psyched to be here," the specialist said.

While there were those waiting on medical attention, many others were outside interacting with the local children. Although they had limited communication due to the language barrier they seemed to share a common love of football.

"We had a pretty good game going on," said Maj. Richard Spiegel, 13th Corps Support Command public affairs officer. "The kids seemed to enjoy themselves."

"It was nice to get out into the community," said Staff Sgt. Tanya Hatfield, 332nd CASF medic, who assisted Colonel Cinco with his patients.

Lt. Col. Irene Benson, 332nd CASF nursing project officer, said, "Usually we only have a couple of hours to see our patients. By the time we get here and set up we have a very limited amount of time to take care of patients. This was good to have a little more time. Everyone just got things done."

"We are glad we can do something like this beside the day-in day-out business. It builds goodwill for everyone involved," Colonel Cinco said of the MEDCAP mission.

"We hope to have more MEDCAP missions in the future as the threat levels decrease," he added.



An Iraqi child holds a bottle of children's pain medicine as he looks curiously on with his brother after being seen by a medical provider during a recent Medical Civic Action Project, or MEDCAP.



Staff Sgt. Jessica Nuyt, an independent duty medical technician, holds an infant Iraqi girl after providing a medical diagnosis during a recent Medical Civic Action Project, or MEDCAP, as Army Sgt. Tanya Williams looks on. Sergeant Nuyt is deployed here from the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Aerial Port keeps flightline moving -Key to operations at Balad, throughout AOR

By Capt. Morshe Araujo 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Aerial Port "Dawgs" do everything from command and control through the Air Terminal Operations Center to uploading and downloading cargo from a variety of aircraft that land at Balad, to manifesting distinguished visitors.

The flight recently had a distinguished visitor who drew worldwide attention with his daring escape from his captors. Under the cover of darkness, Thomas Hamill was whisked through Balad's terminal, manifested and boarded on a plane home quicker than anyone could blink an eye.

Tech. Sgt. Henry Beck, an ATOC controller and passenger service operator, was on duty when Mr. Hamill arrived to Balad, accompanied by armed protectors.

"I received word there was a high priority, low visibility person in the area," said Sergeant Beck. "I was told to be ready at a moments notice to manifest the visitor on paper only."

Sergeant Beck said rumors were running abound about who the visitor could be. It wasn't until the manifest was signed with Mr. Hamill's name did Sergeant Beck realize who he was helping.

"He seemed in good spirits. You could tell that his arm was bandaged and that he was exhausted," recalled Sergeant Beck. "He was definitely ready to go and I was very proud to have had the opportunity to help send him home."

The PAX terminal has even worked with a number of foreign national visits. One important movement included volunteers for the Iraqi National Army. "The new recruits processed through the PAX terminal and awaited transportation on their training site," said Staff Sgt. Russell VillaFlor, a passenger service operator.

Despite the excitement of meeting a man who dominated the cover of every news medium in the world, Sergeant Beck stated that he really gets a kick out of sending military members home. "We do what ever we can to get these guys excited about going home," he said. "Working with Mr. Hamill was good, but getting these guys back home to their families is awesome."

The ATOC side of the house in a sense provides command and control for aircraft arriving and departing Balad. "We coordinate with Air Movement Division and handle intratheater airlift," said Capt. Steven Rickenbacher, Aerial Port Flight commander. "ATOC works to ensure that all strategic airlift is coordinated with Tanker Airlift Control Center out of Scott Air Force Base, Ill."

When they're not assisting passengers with being manifested to go home and working airlift operations, Aerial Port is offloading cargo to supply the troops out in the field. "We're the hub," said Captain Rickenbacher. "Everything that comes through our flight, spokes out of

here to other sites to replenish the soldier's warfighting capabilities."

Based out of McChord, Hill, Tinker, Elmendorf and Altus Air Force Bases, the aerial port flight has more than doubled the amount of cargo moved in a day than the previous rotation, said Captain Rickenbacher.

According to Staff Sgt. Tim Bhan, ATOC ramp controller, more than 12,000 short tons of cargo was moved in the last month. "Our workload is a lot more here that it is back home," he said. "It's a challenge because you have the hostile conditions and the intense heat."

In addition to extreme environmental conditions, ramp controllers are turning aircraft every 30 minutes to an hour. "As soon as a plane lands, we coordinate upload and download," said Sergeant Bahn. "Once that's completed, we start on the next aircraft to help free up the ramp. And the aircraft don't want to be on the ground long either."

The most difficult, yet rewarding part

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A C-5, with a C-17 parked behind, is unloaded on the Balad ramp. Balad serves as a hub for air traffic in Iraq.

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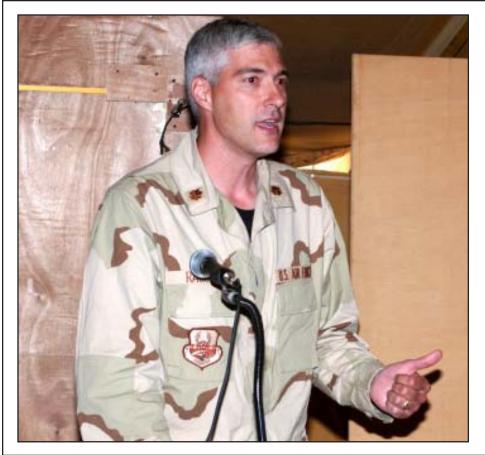
of their job is coordinating the final trip home for service members who've lost their lives while serving in Iraq. At Balad, units of fallen soldiers gather around the aircraft to pay they're final respects to their brethren.

Sergeant Beck, whose home station is Hill AFB, Utah, reflected on the somber events and what they mean to him. "The ceremonies are painful, but I'm proud to do them," he said. "Even though you've never met them, you can't help but be moved, when you stand alongside a group of their comrades. It's probably the most proudest moment you can have, because you know these guys paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we all could be free."

The Aerial Port's mission may be big and diverse, but these group of Airmen accept the challenges they face and will continue to support's Balad mission in being a logistical hub for the AOR.



Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Aerial Port Flight unload a C-17 Globemaster during night operations. The flight is responsible for movement of all cargo transiting in and out of the base.



Meet your new commander ...

Maj. Douglas Rausch, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron's new commander, speaks to his troops during his change of command ceremony Friday held at the Panther Pavilion.

EMEDS explains 'heat index' concept

By Staff Sgt. Gerald Braswell 332nd Expeditionary Medical Squad-

With the temperature rising many people have asked what "heat index" means.

The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature, or WBGT, more commonly referred to as the heat index, is a decision tool for the base commander to use so folks won't fall out needlessly.

The WBGT takes into account three types of environmental and temperature readings: ambient air temperature, humidity and solar load. While humidity is pretty self-explanatory (i.e., the amount of moisture contained in the air), wind can affect this as it has dramatic cooling effect. Ambient air is basically the temperature in the air that surrounds us, and solar load is what the sun contributes or radiant heat.

These numbers are then plugged into the following equation for measurements outdoors and thus giving you the WBGT: 0.7 (Wet Bulb Temp) + 0.2 (Globe Temp) + 0.1 (Dry Bulb).

The number generated is an index of the environment and a screening tool. The criteria for worker exposure is adjusted for clothing, work load and the person's acclimatization.

Due to the factors that make up the WBGT, the readings are usually less than the ambient temperature normally reported by weather organizations.

Here at Balad, the WBGT or heat index is reported in five stages, which includes recommended water intake per hour, work rest cycles and activity level. These stages also include five flag conditions; white, green, yellow, red and black, which are defined in the chart below. In addition; five degrees is added to the WBGT reading for personnel performing duties with IPE gear on.

The readings are posted on the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing intranet homepage, and updated as flag conditions change. Remember, this is a commander's tool for heat stress prevention. Supervisors should keep an eye on their people and encourage them to drink plenty of water. By paying attention to the intense temperatures, we'll all have a "cool" time here at Balad AB. For more information on heat stress refer to AETC Instruction, 48-101, Prevention of Heat Stress Disorders.

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2	(Green)	82 - 84.9	No limit	1/2	50/10 min	3/4	30/30 min	1
3	3 (Yellow)	85 - 87.9	No limit	3/4	40/20 min	3/4	30/30 min	1
4	4 (Red)	88 - 89.9	No limit	3/4	30/30 min	3/4	20/40 min	1
5	5 (Black)	> 90	50/10 min	1	20/40 min	1	10/50 min	1

The legendary camel spider: myth versus fact

By Capt. Susan A. Romano 407th AEG Public Affairs

Myth: The camel spider can reach speeds of 25 mph.

Fact: They do run very quickly, the fastest for a non-flying arthropod, but can only reach about 10 mph.

Myth: They will eat your face off. Fact: Camel spiders eat small desert arthropods like crickets and pillbugs, and are a predator of deadly scorpions. They are not flesh eaters.

Myth: They can eat the stomach out of a camel.

Fact: This myth probably stems for GIs seeing the spiders crawl on dead camels. They use the hair from camels to line their

burrow when they are about to lay eggs, using their pinchers to clip the hair from the camel's corpse. Additionally,

dead camels are covered with flies, and that is a good meal for the spider's voracious appetite.

Myth: The spider can grow as big as a hubcap.

Fact: Although some arthropods can grow rather large, the average camel spider is about the size of an adult's hand.

Myth: They will chase you down.
Fact: Camel spiders are very shy and secretive.
This myth could stem from the fact that these

This myth could stem from the fact that these solifugids (which means 'fleeing from the sun') avoid hot patches of sun and will run from shadow to shadow, even if the shadow is made by

a human. This may give the impression the spider is chasing you.

Myth: Camel spiders make great pets. Fact: Unlike their relative the scorpion, camel spiders are difficult to keep and rarely live for very long periods of time in captivity.

Myth: Their bite can kill you.

Fact: Camel spiders have no venom glands whatsoever. Studies show that the only risk of injury from them is caused by shock or an infection following a rare bite. Despite their fierce looking appearance and strong bite, solifugids are unlikely to harm humans.

Myth: They have 10 legs.

Fact: Although solifugids have four pairs of legs, they run only using three pairs. The first pair is held up in front of them and is used like insect antennae.



Man On The Street

"What is your favorite part of the summer?"



Tech. Sgt. Shon Barnwell, 332nd AEW/Manpower "I like going to waterparks."

Staff Sgt. Bobby Drayton,

332nd ESVS

"The beach, swimming, a

few drinks, barbecue and the

view."



Lt. Col. Jim Mitnik, 332nd AEW/Plans "Going to Cedar Point, Ohio, and riding roller-coasters with my wife and kids."



Tech. Sgt. Joseph Hudson, 332nd ECES/HVAC "Soaking up the sun."



A1C David Corrigan, 332nd ECES/TCN escort "Catching all the blockbuster flicks that come out."



A1C Kevin Williams, 332nd ECS "Crusin' around with my friends and family barbecues."



Tech. Sgt. Sofia Shirley, 332nd MDG/CASF "Walking barefoot in the grass at Sunnyside Park, Wash."

Around Balad

People in your neighborhood



Tech. Sgt. Erik Burks

Home station: Moody Air Force

Base, Ga.

Unit: 332nd ELRS

Arrived in the AOR: March 8

Family: Wife, Sherri, and daugh-

ter, Savanna.

Hobbies: I enjoy reading and

going to the firing range.

How do I contribute to the

mission? I ensure Balad has safe vehicles and take care of material

handling support.

What is my favorite aspect of this deployment? Being able to work with Air Force members from around the world.

Besides my family, what do I miss back home? My house, yard and my Jeep.

T-Town Chapel

Protestant service

Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service

5:30 p.m. - Traditional Service

Monday

7 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

8 p.m. - Bible Study

Friday

6:30 p.m. - Choir practice

8 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Catholic service Sunday Noon - Mass

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Mass *Friday*

5:30 p.m. - Mass

LDS service Sunday

7 p.m. - Sacrament meeting *Thursday*

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7:30 p.m. - Family Home Evening

Chaplain Rogers

All Denominations

Nightly

9 p.m. - Evening Prayer for Peace under the Stars



"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asks Public Health questions. To submit questions send them to Kevin.Berkel@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil or Lawrence.Noel@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil.

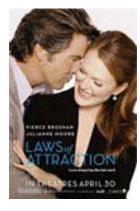
: I've started to notice that when I wake up in the morning, my legs and arms are covered in little itchy welts. What are these welts, where are they coming from, and what can I do to prevent myself from getting these welts in the first place? Are these welts medically significant?

Chances are you received some type of insect bite while you were sleeping. Biting insects (including sand flies) can leave dozens of welts on exposed skin. The best way to prevent most insects from biting you is to minimize their opportunity to bite exposed skin. Prevention tips include: 1) Sleeping under permethrin treated properly hung bednets, 2) coating exposed skin with a skin repellent containing DEET before going to sleep (avoid the areas around the eyes and mouth), 3) Wear a long sleeve shirt and long pants if you're going to be outside for several hours around sunset, and 4) keep the temperature inside your tents fairly cool (you can always use a blanket if it's too cold for you). The welts are generally itchy and very annoying. If the welts don't go away and begin oozing with a discharge, or if they are not gone after 5 days and are painful, then it's time to see the clinic.

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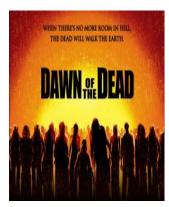
Sustainer Movie Schedule











Today

- □ Laws of Attraction 3 p.m.
- □ Dawn of the Dead 6 p.m.
- **□** Never Die Alone 9

Tuesday

- **□ Never Die Alone** 3 p.m..
- ☐ Taking Lives 6 p.m.
- □ Dawn of the Dead 9 p.m.

Wednesday

- □ Never Die Alone 3 p.m..
- ☐ Laws of Attraction 6 p.m.
- ☐ Taking Lives 9 p.m.

Thursday

- ☐ Taking Lives 3 p.m.
- □ Dawn of the Dead 6 p.m.
- □ Laws of Attraction 9 p.m.

Friday

- **□ Scooby Doo 2** 3 p.m.
- ☐ The Passion of Christ 6 p.m.
- □ Van Helsing 9 p.m.

Saturday

- □ Eternal Sunshine 3 p.m.
- □ Van Helsing 6 p.m.
- **□ Scooby Doo 2** 9 p.m.

Come listen to the Rock and Roll sounds of Brickfoot, May 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sustainer Theater. For more information contact the 332nd Services Squadron at 458-1145

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